



## **Commanders Note**

Welcome to the first direct mailed newsletter of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) Army Reserve Personnel Command (AR-PERSCOM) Family Support Group (FSG). This issue includes a survey, to help us get to know you better, and to see how we can help you. We look forward to helping, and working with all of you.

## **1999 AR-PERSCOM Tax Assistance Program**

It's tax season once again! As tax season approaches, AR-PERSCOM is again preparing to provide first-rate tax services to the military community. These services save soldiers the cost of paying a commercial firm to prepare their tax returns. The AR-PERSCOM Command Judge Advocate Office will provide tax assistance to soldiers, their family members, and retired soldiers who qualify for legal assistance under AR 27-3, Legal Assistance Services. Services will be conducted by appointment only. We do not have the capability to provide electronic filing. However, the 375<sup>th</sup> Air Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office at Scott Air Force Base will provide electronic filing for AR-PERSCOM soldiers.

The 1999 AR-PERSCOM Tax Assistance Program will begin on February 7, 2000. Appointments for income tax assistance can be made by calling Anita Washington-Harding or MSG Silver Newton, Office of the Command Judge Advocate, telephone (314) 592-0678.

## **YMCA Annual Art, Essay Contest**

Check out [www.asymca.com](http://www.asymca.com) for deadlines, contest rules, and themes for the Armed Services YMCA Millennium 2000 art and essay contest. Contest is open to military youth worldwide.

## **Terms to Know**

*Family Assistance* is the contractual obligation the Army has to provide assistance for its soldiers and their eligible family members, civilian employees and retirees, regardless of marital status, with or without legal dependent family members. Family Assistance is the Chain of Command responsibility.

*Family Support* teaches self-reliance through networking and referral of soldiers, family members (both immediate and extended), civilian employees and retirees, regardless of marital status. Family



Support is accomplished through the mutual cooperation of soldiers, their families and the chain of command. (from the USAR Family Readiness Handbook)

### **Web Sites of Interest**

- [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com): browse the catalog online.
- [www.armyspouse.com](http://www.armyspouse.com): evolving web site, containing information about FGS, Space A, and other information.
- [www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/family/family.htm](http://www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/family/family.htm): check Flonotes section for monthly news sheet for Army families.
- [www.redcross.org/afes/index.html](http://www.redcross.org/afes/index.html): how the Red Cross can help service members and families.
- [www.spousenet.com](http://www.spousenet.com): created and run by Air Force spouses. Support.
- <http://trol.redstone.army.mil>: Listings include benefits, entitlements, and MWR. Slow to load.

### **Dates To Remember - 2000**

- 17-19 April -- PT Test
- 20 May -- The Army Arch Run
- 29 May -- Memorial Day (holiday)
- 2 Jun -- The Army Birthday Run
- 2 Jun -- Army Birthday Ball

### **Proponent**

The proponent for this publication is Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), AR-PERSCOM. Comments should be forwarded to AR-PERSCOM, ATTN: ARPC-ZHC (FSG), 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200.

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